

## Northern Highlands Tour Itinerary

*June 18-23*

Monday, June 17:

Take an overnight flight to Edinburgh, Scotland. Arrive in Edinburgh on Tuesday, June 18.

**Day 1**, Tuesday, June 18:

We will meet our tour director at the Edinburgh Airport and travel to Pitlochry, a charming town known for its Victorian architecture and local appeal as a vacation destination. From there, we will continue to the town of Dornoch, where we will enjoy free time and check in at the Dornoch Castle Hotel, where we will spend the next five nights.

**Day 2**, Wednesday, June 19:

We will visit Kincaig Castle, now a charming hotel, which is located near Inverness. We will also go to Dornoch Cathedral, built by Bishop Gilbert de Moravia in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**Day 3**, Thursday, June 20:

We will visit historic Dunrobin Castle and its Victorian formal garden. The castle, built in the early 1300s, has been home to the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland. A delightful tearoom, located in the castle, is open for lunch. In the afternoon, we will travel to Ardgay and visit Croick Church (c. 1827), known for its east window where tenant farmers, evicted during the Highland Clearances, scratched messages about their plight. From there, we will view Little Criech Cemetery and then return to Dornoch.

**Day 4**, Friday, June 21: We will travel to the coastal town of Wick, originally settled by the Vikings. We will then continue our journey to John O'Groats, a village located at the northmost point of the UK mainland, and to the Castle of Mey, built by the fourth Earl of Caithness in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

**Day 5**, Saturday, June 22: On our last day of sightseeing, we will experience the natural beauty of Scotland. First, we will visit the Knockan Crag Nature Reserve, notable for its dramatic geological features caused by the collision of continents. We will also travel by boat to the Summer Isles, a scenic archipelago in Loch Broom. In the evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner with our group at Luigi Restaurant.

**Day 6**, Sunday, June 23: Travel to Edinburgh and return home.